

**Oldest Pending Cases in each High Court**

2459. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the-Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the year of the oldest case pending in each High Court; and  
 (b) what is the number of cases pending for thirty years and more, for 15—20 years, for 10—15 years and for 7—10 years in each High Court?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) As per available information, the year of the oldest case pending in each High Court and number of cases pending for 7—10 years and over 10 years are given in the enclosed Statement.

**Statement***Details of oldest cases pending in each High Court*

Sl. No.	Name of the High Court	Year of the oldest case pending in 1998	No. of cases pending for 7—10 years (as on 31.12.1999)	No. of cases pending for over 10 years
1	2	3	4	5
1.	AHahabad	1964	136869	201460
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1979	13592	2823
3.	Bombay	1968	41650	28404
4.	Calcutta	1955	39171	146476
5.	Delhi	1966	18866	33774
6.	Gauhati	1984	479	141
7.	Gujarat	1973	12332	18592
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1979	608	37
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	1965	6704	2392
10.	Karnataka	1976	2249	1081
11.	Kerala	1974	6599	533
12.	Madras	1964	9389	5050

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13.	Madhya Pradesh	1950	17295	9655
14.	Orissa	1972	4139	3313
15.	Patna	1951	6586	6657
16.	Punjab and Haryana	1964	27587	33791
17.	Rajasthan	1956	7893	6674
18.	Sikkim	1996	0	2
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**CBI Investigation in Dredging Contract**

2460. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:  
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:  
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has completed its investigation regarding irregularities in awarding dredging contract in 1998 by Kandla Port Trust to Dharti Dredging Co. Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government on the CBI's report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Central Bureau of Investigation registered a case on 27-10-2000 regarding irregularities committed in awarding dredging contract by Kandla Port Trust to Dharti Dredging Co. Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad in 1998-99. The matter is under investigation by Gandhinagar (Gujarat) Branch of Central Bureau of Investigation.

(c) Does not arise.

**Privatisation of Major Indian Ports**

2461. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government to privatise the Indian major ports;

(b) whether it is a fact that one foreign party has won the rights in four major Indian Ports;